

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
SIXTEENTH DAY
OCTOBER 28, 2002**

**MEETING HELD AT THE WILLIAM H. ROGERS LEGISLATURE BUILDING
IN THE ROSE Y. CARACAPPA AUDITORIUM
VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK**

MINUTES TAKEN BY

LUCIA BRAATEN, COURT REPORTER

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[THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:10 P.M.]

LEG. TONNA:

**I'd ask all Legislators, please come to the horseshoe. Okay. Roll
call, Henry.**

(Roll Called by Mr. Barton)

LEG. CARACCILO:

Here.

LEG. GULDI:

(Not Present)

LEG. TOWLE:

(Not Present)

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Here.

LEG. FISHER:

Here.

LEG. HALEY:

Here.

LEG. FOLEY:
(Not Present)

LEG. LINDSAY:
Here.

LEG. FIELDS:
Here.

LEG. ALDEN:
Here.

LEG. CARPENTER:
Here.

LEG. CRECCA:
Here.

LEG. NOWICK:
Here.

LEG. BISHOP:
Here.

LEG. BINDER:
Here.

LEG. COOPER:
Here.

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LEG. POSTAL:
Here.

P.O. TONNA:
Here.

MR. BARTON:
Fifteen present.

P.O. TONNA:
Thank you. All rise for the Pledge.

(Salutation)

Henry, please read the meeting notice.

MR. BARTON:

Yes, Mr. Chairman. The following petition was filed in my office. "Notice of a Special Meeting. Please be advised that a special meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature will be held on Monday, October 28th, 2002, at 12 o'clock noon in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium, located at the William H. Rogers Legislatuare Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York, pursuant to the request of the undersigned under Section 2-6(B) of the Suffolk County Administrative Code for the following purpose: A one-hour public portion, followed by consideration of two resolutions," and it was signed by ten Legislators.

P.O. TONNA:

Thank you very much. Okay. I just want to make a statement and, basically, from my stand -- I have my mike on. From my standpoint, and I think that there are at least 18 Legislators who have respect for the rules, there were ten people who signed a meeting notice, but in my history, I have not seen, and it's quite upsetting, I have not seen a Legislature who acts on a bipartisan basis in many of its deliberations to call a meeting that is clearly partisan. All ten members who requested this meeting are, in fact, not here today. As a matter of fact, Legislator Towle sent a memo, which I have, requesting to change the meeting so he could be here.

Public hearings for the Operating Budget have not been completed. The final one is scheduled in this auditorium this afternoon. Financial developments have occurred -- have been occurring relative to the budget on a daily basis, which reinforces the fact that we are not prepared to address the budget today, as BRO would be quick to confirm. The Operating Budget meeting was set since we set the calendar in January to be held on November 7th, and, therefore, I am going to recess the meeting to that date. Recessed to November 7th.

[THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 12:13 P.M.]